



Paul Busch Scholarship Application for 2025-26 Academic Year for High School Seniors

South Texas Press Association is making available a \$1,500 Paul Busch Scholarship for a graduating high school senior who is pursuing a career in newspaper journalism. The recipient will receive \$1,500 upon registration for the 2025 fall college semester.

Selection will be based on these criteria:

- College major in newspaper journalism.
- Commitment to a career in newspaper journalism.
- Contribution to school and/or community publications.
- Academic accomplishment: Minimum 2.75 GPA required.
- Financial need.
- Citizenship and character.
- Determination to succeed as shown by such qualities as dedication, positive approach and willingness to go beyond what is expected.

Applications should be postmarked (or email the application and clips to christine@fredericksburgstandard.com) no later than 5 p.m., April 4, 2025.

Mail to: STPA Scholarship Committee
c/o Christine Granados,
412 West Main St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Apply online at <https://www.southtexaspress.com/scholarships>



How to apply for the Paul Busch Scholarship for high school seniors

- Fill out application form
- Submit unofficial transcripts.
- Write a one-page essay about why journalism is needed in a democracy and what you hope to achieve through journalism.
- Submit three journalism samples that could include bylined (printed or online) articles.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from faculty members from your high school journalism or communication classes by April 4, 2025.

Application Form

Name of Applicant _____

Social Security # _____

Date of Birth _____

Permanent Address _____

Phone _____

U.S. Citizen Yes No

Education: Now enrolled in (school name) _____

School Name/Address _____

School Phone _____

Overall GPA _____.

Honors: Please list academic distinctions, awards, and/or honors received.

Name of college where you will study journalism _____

Financial Need (check one): Great Average Slight

Scholarships, fellowships, grants, or loans you will be receiving during the 2025-26 school year.

Name	Grantor	Amount and effective dates
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Estimated income during period covered by this scholarship. (Include personal funds (cash, savings, etc.) private loans, earnings while in school (exclude college work study income), parental support, spousal support, scholarships, grants, etc., and veteran's benefits (yours and/or spouses). \$ _____

What percentage of your college expenses will you be expected to cover? _____%

Estimated expenses during the 2024-25 school year. \$ _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

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